**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Acts 2:1-4

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**INTRODUCTION**

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after the Resurrection of our Lord. It is a day that was prophesied in the OT by Joel and in the NT by Jesus. When God promises something for His people, it is always something special when it is fulfilled. Let us examine once more this glorious prophecy and fulfillment of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

1. **THE PROMISE OF THE COMING**
2. Joel **prophesied** about the coming of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29).
3. God will “pour out His Spirit upon all” believers.
4. “Sons and daughters will prophesy.”
5. “Old men will dream dreams.”
6. “Young men will see visions.”

*After a time of spiritual darkness, God would send His Holy Spirit to illuminate the world. That illumination involved special actions that revealed that God was again fully at work with His people.*

1. Jesus the Messiah **foretold** the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7-15).
2. Jesus said He must go back to Heaven so that the Counselor could come (v. 7).
3. The Counselor will convict the world of sin, righteousness, & judgment (v. 8).
4. The Spirit of truth will guide us into the truth taught by Jesus (v. 11).
5. The Spirit will glorify Jesus by revealing Jesus (v. 14).

*Jesus reveals that the Holy Spirit will counsel and comfort God’s people by reminding them of what Jesus said while He was here on earth. The Spirit would also work to reveal the need for Christ to those lost in sin.*

1. **THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE**
2. The circumstances immediately prior to His coming were **unique** (vv. 2-3).
3. A sound like a **violent** **wind** blew down from Heaven and entered the house.
4. Something similar to **tongues** of **fire** came and sat upon each of them.

*These unusual circumstances have not been repeated at any time in history. They are unique to the first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.*

1. The circumstances related to His coming should be **commonplace** (vv. 4, 11, 41).
2. All were **filled** with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other **languages**.
3. Thousands **believed** the Word and **received** Jesus as Savior and Lord.

*These circumstances of the coming of the Holy Spirit should be repeated again and again in every generation and in every place. The Holy Spirit is able to work His glorious work in the lives of unbelievers as believers speak to others in various languages.*

**CONCLUSION**

God’s promises, or prophesies, are always fulfilled. The fulfillment is always better than we expect and produces excitement, joy, and hope. God’s people are restored, revived, and refilled. Then, the lost are confronted, convicted, and converted. That, my Friends, is what it means for the Holy Spirit to be released to have full control of God’s people. We need this filling to occur once more among God’s people today. Will you allow this to happen in your life today? Only you can stop the Holy Spirit from doing His work in your life!

*“Come, Holy Spirit, I need you. Come, Holy Spirit, I pray.*

*Come in Your strength and Your power; Come in Your own gentle way.”*